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Cleveland and Parker.

In 1894 the democracy knew nothing about Mr. Cleveland. He had no record on any national question, and he had no personal acquaintance with any national leader outside of his own state. His success as governor of New York had not been pronounced. An influential newspaper of New York city had described him as a "parochial politician." The national democracy accepted him as its candidate for President on the recommendation of Daniel Manning, the party's state leader, and recognized as a sagacious man. John Kelly, the leader of Tammany Hall, protested against the nomination, and even after it had been made declared that Mr. Cleveland could not carry New York.

The democracy knows little about Judge Parker. He has no record on national questions, and but few acquaintances among national leaders. He has been serving satisfactorily but not brilliantly on the bench. He is vouchsafed for in this contest for the St. Louis nomination by David B. Hill, the leader of the New York state democracy, and a much able man than Daniel Manning ever was. Mr. Hill declares that Judge Parker can carry New York against Theodore Roosevelt. Charles F. Murphy, the leader of Tammany Hall, opposes Judge Parker, and puts his opinion against that of Mr. Hill. He asserts with emphasis that Judge Parker cannot carry New York.

Mr. Cleveland was elected governor of New York as the result of a division among the republicans. He was very little known in the state, and had no personal popularity to draw upon. Had the republicans been united he would probably have been defeated. Judge Parker was elected to the bench as the result of a division among the republicans. He was well known throughout the state, and well esteemed, but would hardly have won against a vigorous campaign by the republicans.

Of the two men Judge Parker is regarded as the more attractive on personal grounds. He is more affable, more companionable, a better talker—when he talks at all—and more sympathetic. His range of reading is wider than that of Mr. Cleveland, and he is a far better lawyer. Some of his warmest admirers are republicans, although his democracy has never been questioned. When Mr. Cleveland was aiding Mr. McKinley in 1896 and 1900, Judge Parker was for his party's sake, supporting Mr. Bryan.

The Steamboat Inspection.

It is stated in New York that there is no law warranting the reinspection of the steamboats in the harbor as ordered by Secretary Cortelyou in consequence of the deplorable showing of the first inspection made of the Steamers. One of the local inspectors is quoted in an interview to the effect that the regulations as they stand do not provide for reinspection and suggests that the steamboat people will have the right to refuse to submit to a reinspection of the certificates already issued as warranting their continuance in service of the boats holding them. This same inspector declares that under the law as it reads now the rules regulating the annual inspection of steam vessels are drawn by the board consisting of ten supervising inspectors, meeting in this city in January of each year, and that these rules are approved or rejected as a whole by the head of the department in whose jurisdiction this work comes. It was to correct this obvious flaw in the system that Secretary Cortelyou drew his bill last winter that was passed by the Senate and pigeon-holed in the House committee on merchant marine and fisheries at the behest of the steamboat industry. The bill was charged, of the steamboat owners of the country.

If it is a fact that the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, having jurisdiction over such matters, cannot order a reinspection of all vessels when he has reason to suspect that the regular inspection was inadequate and the boats are in fact a menace to life, the sooner the situation is made absolutely plain the better. For there is no doubt that for a moment, a public demand for new laws on this subject will arise that the steamboat corporations will not dare to oppose for a moment. It is a monstrous proposition that the United States government, having once put its stamp on a boat, in consequence of the report of a faithless, inefficient, ignorant, lax or corrupt inspector, cannot when occasion arises cancel that stamp and cause the craft to be examined to make sure of the public safety.

Mr. Fairbanks' biographers fail to discuss anything especially picturesque in his substantial and admirable career. However, the head of the department can afford all the interest of that kind that may be required.

It is safe to assume that a "presidential year" is held responsible for unfavorable conditions whose cause is entirely outside of political agitation.

Latest From Port Arthur.

This is the report by Admiral Alexieff to the czar of the last performance of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur.

"At 2 p.m. the squadron, preceded by a flotilla of nine dredgers, torpedo boats and the Novik, steamed in line ahead toward the open sea, having emerged from the roads without mishap. The Russian ships shaped their course southward, and the dredgers were sent back to Port Arthur, escorted by armed picket boats. Two Japanese scouts, with a detachment of torpedo boats, were keeping our squadron in sight all the while.

"Twenty miles from shore a Japanese squadron was sighted, steaming in divisions line ahead, when on drawing closer was found to be composed of four first-class and four second-class battle ships, four armored first-class cruisers, seven second-class cruisers, three torpedo boats, one scout boat, one steamer and three torpedo boats, in two divisions.

"Making into consideration the fact that the enemy's entire force was greater superior to ours, and in view also of the large number of Japanese torpedo boats, I decided to return to Port Arthur in order to act according to circumstances, considering that this plan of action laid us open to less risk of loss.

"One is tempted with the question, Why have made this demonstration? The Japanese have been the stronger in front of Port Arthur ever since they administered their first blow to the Russians. They have likewise been most vigilant. Whenever the Russians have been curious as to the whereabouts of Togo an investigation has developed him. No cat ever watched a rat hole with a keener eye, or in better fettle for action at the sight of the quarry, than the Japanese have watched the entrance to Port Arthur. And here again was the usual result. The Japanese were found in force, and the Russians—this time without loss—retired.

"Mark this sentence: 'I decided to return to Port Arthur in order to act according to circumstances, considering that this plan

of action laid us open to less risk of loss.' That is to say, there were the Japanese in front, and the Russian mines behind. A fight with the enemy meant certain defeat, whereas having safely threaded the mazes of the mines in putting to sea there was hope of being able to repeat the performance on a return to port. So the Russians took the course which offered 'less risk of loss,' and got back home. It is demonstrated, therefore, not only that the entrance to Port Arthur is open, but that the Russians have, in some manner at least, at last got the run of their own mines.

He who emerges and develops the enemy in force and then retreats will live to emerge and develop him another day. Why the spirit of 'John Phoenix' should have taken up its abode in Russia is a mystery. Now it does service as a newspaper writer, and now as a soldier, and now as a sailor. It has secured a steady job, and is reveling in its reincarnation. At the close of the war the Japanese if they win should put it on the pension roll.

Unsolved Crimes.

The acquittal of Andrew Weedon, tried for the murder of his mother-in-law in this city, adds one more to the list of unsolved local murder mysteries of the past few years. In 1893 Shoemaker Hall was killed in his shop on Seventh street, evidently by a robber, for the premises showed signs of a desperate struggle, and the old man's funds, held by him as treasurer of an organization, had disappeared. The motive was plain, but the slayer left no trace of his identity, and no one was ever accused of the crime. Then some years later Mrs. Dennis was found dying in her bed, the victim of a blow on the head unquestionably inflicted by another person. No motive for the slaying was ascertained, and though a servant was arrested and was adduced, and the crime was never solved. In close order came the killing of Mrs. Jordan near Anacostia. She was beaten to death by an unknown person, who was never identified. The indictment of Weedon for the Beall murder seemed to give time to break this record, but as the event proved it only differentiated it, setting that case in the category of mysteries with the solitary fact other than those attendant upon the three preceding mysteries that some one was actually accused in court of the crime.

This sequence of unsolved mysteries tends to arouse a feeling of uneasiness on the part of the people. In a community like this there should certainly not be so many such crimes. The fact may be an argument in favor of a material increase of the police force of the District. It is now too small to afford a proper degree of protection. A larger force may not avail to prevent the commission of unsolvable crimes, but it will at least assure the public that the chances for the escape of a murderer scot free are materially lessened.

The Federal Yearly Balance.

The fiscal year closed with the federal treasury showing a deficit of \$41,552,325 on the face of the books. But a look behind the items of the expenditures during the past year will show that the really one is an apparent deficit, for the treasury was called upon to bear two exceptional burdens not attributable to the ordinary conduct of the government's business. One of these was the cost of the Panama canal purchase, and the other the government aid to the St. Louis exposition. If these are eliminated the books show a surplus of \$13,217,874. That is really the proper showing for the year, representing the excess of revenues over current requirements. There is nothing in sight for the next fiscal year likely to cause any unusual drain upon the federal funds, so that a surplus for these following twelve months is to be confidently expected. The Panama canal purchase was an investment for the years to come, and should be charged against the whole project of providing the great national waterway between the oceans. It is an item for which the taxpayers of the United States will cheerfully go into debt, or will face a deficit in the federal funds, if necessary. It represents immense gains in revenue in later years and even greater gains in national prestige.

Vandals.

It may be that the cutting of Santos-Dumont's balloon was merely the work of vandals, bent upon mischief for the sheer sake of destruction. It is now reported that an unsuccessful attempt was made to ruin the great pipe organ in the festival hall at the world's fair by cutting the secondary bellows. This is the largest organ in the world and when completed will doubtless prove one of the chief attractions at the exposition. What motive could have been held by the perpetrator of this deed is only to be imagined. There are plenty of misguided patriots in the world sufficiently perverted in mind to desire to spoil useful or beautiful or valuable objects. Sometimes, but not always, they are relic seekers. But often they are sheer mischiefmakers, seeking no gain or souvenir, but imbued with an iconoclastic spirit that is never content unless the community is shocked by some dastardly act. Vandals in one sense and in such should, if caught, be shut up with other unbalanced people.

Hearst.

If the democracy will have none of Mr. Hearst for first place, why not consider him for second? There is no adjustable he would be for that. With an eastern man for President, fill out the ticket with W. R. Hearst of Illinois or California. With a western or middle states man for President, fill out the ticket with W. R. Hearst of New York. Mr. Hearst's pocket book, it is hardly necessary to say, is the same size in all the states of the union. He is a liberal spender, as the country knows, and whether as eastern or western candidate for Vice President would give a good account of his bank account. The announcement that, come what may, he will not bolt should recommend him to the tenderness of the national democracy.

It is unfair to blame the "mannish girl" for the alleged possibility of race suicide and omit any mention of the landlords and food monopolists who make the expense of supporting a family formidable.

No doubt Mr. Cleveland is entirely in earnest when he says he does not care for a nomination. Yet the impression cannot be resisted that his remarks were very carefully timed.

Mr. Dowle volunteered to declare for the republican ticket, but does not appear to have been pressed to take the stump in its behalf.

The Slocum disaster has called attention to the fact that a coroner every now and then appears who sees his duty and does it promptly and efficiently.

A great many democrats insist that Mr. Bryan will not even be called on to dodge a vice presidential nomination.

Tammany officials go to St. Louis in a special car so as to be on hand to enjoy it if anything happens to David B. Hill.

The Sultan of Morocco wishes he had as much reason to be pleased and thankful as Mr. Perdicaris has.

Suicide.

The recent epidemic of suicides in this city and vicinity has yielded a shockingly long list of names of unfortunates. The causes of these self-murders vary as do the means employed for the taking of life. Dependence, fear of consequences of age, poverty, illness, chagrin, all these have entered into the awful equation. The great

misfortune is that in most cases death is not the only release from misfortunes, if indeed it is in any case. Many of the victims of the epidemic suffer are imaginary. Often the supposed illness does not actually exist. Essentially the suicide is a coward, afraid to bear pain, or to face punishment for offenses, or to assume responsibility. His thought is to escape into oblivion. His example is demoralizing, and even threatens a heavy burden upon those he leaves behind. Even the friendless man, with no ties, with no family, no interests, is not justified in taking his own life. He suggests the act to others, who are even less justified. Self-pity is at the root of most cases, a sense of martyrdom, often a desire to be heroized, to attract attention, a morbid hope that the community will express sympathy. A man actually at the end of his resources, physical or financial, is far more likely to arouse the active, helpful sympathy of people if he persists in trying, if he shows a brave face to the world, if he bears his pains and his disappointments and his privations courageously, than the effect of the cold to the world, the morbid hope that the community will express sympathy. A man actually at the end of his resources, physical or financial, is far more likely to arouse the active, helpful sympathy of people if he persists in trying, if he shows a brave face to the world, if he bears his pains and his disappointments and his privations courageously, than the effect of the cold to the world, the morbid hope that the community will express sympathy.

General Miles is not regarded as much of a practical politician. But he is sufficiently well posted to know that the prohibition ticket has very scant prospects.

By putting convicts into the army the Russian government will at least make the Japanese do most of the hard work in inflicting penalties.

While others are at least sure of "favorite son" votes, there is a disposition to treat Mr. Hearst like the traditional stepchild.

General Kuropatkin may be a great soldier in his own country. But as yet he has not even swum a river or sunk a collar.

The trusts may as well expect to hear some very ugly things about themselves between now and November.

Mr. Bryan has been almost as silent as Judge Parker. But no one believes it will last.

SHOOTING STARS.

His Limited View.

"Do you think that you derive much benefit from travel?"

"Well," answered the vacuous youth, "it's rather good for the crease in one's trousers, but it's deuced hard on coats."

An Oversight.

"De world owes us a livin'," said Plodding Peck.

"Yes," answered Meandering Mike, "but it neglected to make arrangements so dat we could clip it off from day to day like coupons."

More Delicately Put.

The horse, when his bad race was done, exclaimed, "I wish I were a man. They don't call me 'a favorite son,' but only just an 'also ran.'"

A S. P. C. H. B.

"Do you belong to the S. P. C. A.?"

"Yes," answered the earnest citizen; "but after reading of various disasters I am tempted to give it up and devote myself to organizing a society for the prevention of cruelty to human beings."

The Convention Exodus.

There ain't no one worth mentionin' a-hangin' 'round the place.

The folks is all off tendin' to the presidential race.

The colonels an' the majors an' the judges all have gone.

To help along the shoutin' an' to meet the prizes drawn.

The talkin' at the corner store don't seem to much today.

An' the streets look warm an' lonesome as they stretch so far away.

An' they're all so unimportant that you meet a walkin' through.

It doesn't half seem worth while a-sayin' "How-do-ye."

Jes' wait till they get back once more; you'll hear some wisdom then.

That hasn't been surpassed by any mortal tongue or pen.

We'll know jes' what was done an' how the doin's came about.

An' have the various mistakes all clearly pointed out.

We hated to part from 'em, an' I don't believe we would.

If we hadn't been convinced we did it for the country's good.

It's so quiet an' deserted that it fills us with dismay.

Since the colonels an' the majors an' the judges went away.

The Democratic Mixup.

From the Portland Oregonian.

There is at present not the slightest prospect that the democratic convention at St. Louis can possibly make a nomination that would endanger the election of Roosevelt. The strongest democratic name in the city is Cleveland, but his nomination would be opposed not only by the Bryan element, but by a southern element that has no sympathy with Bryan—a conservative element voiced by Henry Watterson of the Louisville Courier-Journal. While Cleveland, if nominated, would win many republican votes, his selection is out of the question. The Bryanites will not have him, and the south does not like him. The strongest man to win republican votes next to Cleveland would be Olney, but he has no nominating strength outside of New England. Judge Parker, of New York, is a man of ability and fine personal character, but he is David B. Hill's candidate, and will be fought to the death by the Tammany democracy of New York city, and so Mayor McClellan, if nominated, would be fought to death by the David B. Hill democracy. The New York democracy hopelessly divided. If Parker is nominated, Tammany will sink in its tents, as it did when Grover was nominated in 1872, and if McClellan is nominated, the Hill democracy will stay at home on election day.

Not Here.

From the Boston Herald.

In the whole list of athletic sports there is none more uncertain than base ball.

Deeds, Not Words!

From the Knoxville Sentinel.

Gorman pleads not guilty to the charge that a combination has been formed to defeat the nomination of Judge Parker at St. Louis. Let us wait and watch the trend of events. Gorman is a politician, one of the "smoothest" politicians in America, and if one is desirous of locating him he will not be necessary to pay more attention to his deeds than to his words.

Portraits.

From the Statonian (Ga.) Messenger.

All of Mr. Bryan's pictures are speaking likenesses.

Dead March Better.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette.

We suggest that an appropriate name for the Sunday service of the Fourth will be that good old Methodist one, beginning "And we are yet alive and see each other's face."

The Real Thing.

From the New York Tribune.

American are in a position in a big political convention. In St. Louis in July the prospects of lively political clashes in the gathering of the democratic delegates are so promising that more than eight hundred newspaper men have applied for seats in which they can report the proceedings. They all look forward to a hot time in the old town of the Louisiana purchase.

SOMETHING EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW

Are You the One Woman Neglecting a Mother's or a Wife's Duty, or Are There Countless Thousands.

Many women forgetful of robust vigor, with clear complexion and bright, vivacious spirits and themselves slowly losing their good looks and strength, failing under the influence of an unknown cause, ignorant of their real condition. Just when a woman should be at her best she becomes depressed, nervous, and why? You ask. She has been so busy planning, has been so absorbed with her social duties, her work has been so continuous, that she scarcely allowed herself a moment's relaxation. She has neglected her health and, where her food formerly seemed to nourish, now she has but little appetite and even what she does eat does not seem to do any good. If you should ask her what the trouble is, she would say, "I am just tired out." But the real cause is constipation and its resulting condition—bad blood. Just think what habitual neglect of the bowels means, sickness instead of good health; nervousness instead of vigor; cheerfulness replaced by depression; happiness by misery. A week's use of Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills in these cases will work wonders. They will regulate the functions of the liver and bowels, immediately unload the congestion, cure the constipation and cleanse the blood of impurities. It is pitiable to see women with no color in their cheeks, without ambition, always tired, with the exuberance and vivacity of youth sapped as by some dreaded ravine. Just because nature has been neglected, the bowels have become sluggish and poisonous elements have been absorbed into the blood. Keep the bowels regular by using Smith's Pineapple and Butternut Pills. Never allow constipation or a torpid liver to develop. A stitch in time will save you a pain of misery, of bad feelings and depression. These little pills are wonderful health givers. They are nature's true laxative and a positive cure for sick headache, constipation and biliousness in one night. 25 cents at all dealers.

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